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SUBJECT: HUSSEIN'S NEXT STEPS

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1. NOW THAT JERUSALEM AGENDA PROBLEM RESOLVED AND
CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO GO FORWARD, WE ASSUME HUSSEIN'S
WORRIES MAY BE SOMEWHAT RELIEVED. YOU SHOULD POINT
OUT TO HIM THAT TWO SIDES HAVE ACHIEVED A WORKABLE AGENDA
AND JERUSALEM TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO MOVE DIRECTLY TO SUB-
STANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WHEN SECRETARY ARRIVES. FOR OURPART,
WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HELP THE PARTIES ACHIEVE
REAL PROGRESS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

2. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU MAY TELL HUSSEIN SECRETARY
HOPES THAT HE WILL JUDGE IT PREFERABLE NOT REPEAT
NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS THAT MIGHT APPEAR TO BE MOVING
AWAY FROM SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S INITIATIVE. CENTRAL TO
THE PURPOSES OF THE JERUSALEM NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE
SEEKING AGREEMENT ON FRAMEWORK FOR DEALING WITH BASIC

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ISSUES REGARDING WEST BANK AND GAZA THAT WOULD MAKE
IT POSSIBLE FOR JORDAN AND PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES
TO JOIN IN NEGOTIATING A DETAILED AGREEMENT, AS DIS-
CUSSED BETWEEN KING AND PRESIDENT CARTER IN TEHRAN.
ANYTHING THAT WOULD CLOUD THE ATMOSPHERE OR INTRODUCE
NEW COMPLICATIONS WITH ISRAELIS REGARDING JORDAN'S ROLE
AND PURPOSES WOULD MAKE JERUSALEM NEGOTIATIONS MORE

DIFFICULT.

3. SECRETARY THEREFORE HOPES THAT HUSSEIN WILL CONTINUE ON PRESENT COURSE FOR COMING WEEKS WHILE ASSESSING PROGRESS AT JERUSALEM. THE SECRETARY APPRECIATES THE DIFFICULTIES OF HIS POSITION BUT ALSO FEELS THAT THE COURSE HUSSEIN HAS BEEN FOLLOWING HAS BEEN A WISE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ONE. HE WILL BE SENDING A REPORT TO HUSSEIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS PARTICIPATION AT JERUSALEM AND AFTER TALKING TO SADAT THE END OF THE WEEK, TO REVIEW THE SITUATION. HE BELIEVES THAT WILL PROVIDE A USEFUL OCCASION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH HUSSEIN ON FURTHER STEPS IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

4. FYI: RE YOUR SUGGESTION THAT SECRETARY VISIT AMMAN IF HE VISITS OTHER AREA CAPITALS, SECRETARY HAS NO PRESENT PLANS TO GO TO ANY MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL AND EGYPT ON THIS TRIP. THIS IS EXPLAINABLE IN TERMS OF THEIR BEING THE TWO PARTICIPANTS IN THE JERUSALEM NEGOTIATIONS. IF KING RAISES POSSIBILITY OF AMMAN STOP, YOU SHOULD MAKE THIS POINT, EMPHASIZING THAT SECRETARY'S TIME ON THIS OCCASION IS TOO LIMITED TO PERMIT EXPANDING TRIP BUT THAT HE WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HUSSEIN THROUGH YOU. END FYI.
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